

The DAILY HERALD has nearly DOUBLE the Circulation of either contemporary paper published in Los Angeles. As an advertising medium it is consequently DOUBLE their value.

The Government and the Railroad.

Tom Scott, the Texas Pacific magnate claims that the proposition his company will make to the government asking further aid for his enterprise, will fully secure the interests of the people. In view of this the New York Tribune suggests that if the bonds of the company are endorsed by the government, it should surrender its land grant. The position of the HERALD is that government should have nothing to do with railroad building. But now that it has already got its foot in, the time may come when it would be good policy to buy back the empire so recklessly granted away. Certainly the Treasury is in no condition to bolster up unpeopled railroads or to buy territory, but after the panic is fairly over, and the national coffers are again full, Uncle Sam might do a good turn by agreeing to take this great work off the hands of the parties who have failed to build it, refund them the money they have actually expended, receive back the land grant, and finish the road himself.

Through bad counsel the government has become involved, and the question is how to get out with the least loss. If as the Tribune suggests, it will pay to give the bonds in lieu of the land, we believe it will pay still better to build the road itself without the intervention of the company. The amount given to the Union Pacific would have more than built that road, and yet the government has nothing but a second mortgage on the line, a security that amounts to just nothing at all.

If anything is done to help the Texas Pacific out of trouble, it will amount in the end to building the road, and common sense dictates that if this is done, the ownership should remain with the people. There would then be an excellent opportunity for testing the theory of Governor Palmer, that railroads are really only improved highways, and ought to be owned and controlled by the people. Different States have built canals, and thrown them open to public use, charging a small toll, and fixing the regulations under which they should be operated. There is nothing to hinder the operation of a railway on the same principle. Then there could be no such thing as monopoly. Towing companies would be formed, which would supply locomotives and haul anybody's cars at a given rate per mile, and their charges would necessarily be moderate, from the fact that the business is open to all, and any connecting road could put its surplus stock on, and compete for the business. Transportation companies would also be formed to furnish cars, and do the carrying, and as freight cars are only of moderate cost, small communities, Granges, heavy shippers, etc., could build their own cars, and effectively kill extortion and discrimination. We repeat it the government must keep out of such speculations, but if we are irrevocably entangled, let us take it into our own hands and when we are able to do so build the road ourselves, for our own use and benefit.

Conflicting Policies.

The President in his Message felicitates the country on the success of his peace policy with the Indians, and thinks the progress in Quakerizing the red men during the past five years is so encouraging as to call for a continuance of the plan. Secretary Delano on the other hand recommends that the friendly tribes be supplied with arms and ammunition, and encouraged to go for their hostile neighbors, till the latter are reduced to a state of subjection. The quakers may think this a bloodthirsty plan, but as it involves nothing but the killing off of a lot of treacherous devils, by each other, instead of having the same thing done by the Government at a great expense, we don't think anybody but the Agents, who make money by prolonging the strife, will seriously object.

An exchange says: Lake county Grangers sell their live hogs to San Francisco butchers for four cents a pound, and buy the bacon they eat in San Francisco at eighteen cents per pound. They are wondering why they do not get rich.

That is what is the matter with California farmers generally. They sell their wool in the dirt in Boston and Liverpool, and buy their clothing ready made. Their unadorned hides are disposed of at a low figure, and Lowell manufacturers sell them their boots and shoes at exorbitant prices. With every resource under the sun, California is paying tribute to all nations, and living in the most wasteful manner, and yet our farmers can't see why they don't get rich.

The students of Monmouth (Ill.) College have chosen Schuyler Colfax as the next Anniversary Orator, with Whitelaw Reid as alternate. Reid having got ahead of Schuyler in the matter of the Tribune editorial, may not feel like playing second fiddle to the great "smiler" before a second-rate Illinois college.

The Ramie Plant.

During the Fair L. N. Bequette of Los Nietos, brought to the HERALD office a branch of the ramie plant. This was produced in Los Angeles county, and is a fine specimen. The ramie can be cultivated with great success in Southern California, and he who first enters into this branch of business ensures for himself a mine of wealth.

The ramie yields a finer fibre than Sea Island cotton, it is stronger than the best flax or hemp; it is as brilliant as silk.

It is a hardy and vigorous grower, and its growth is continuous. A crop once planted will stand for years without replanting.

It requires less labor to cultivate than cotton, is not destroyed by worms, does not suffer from excess of rain, and withstands the longest drought without injury.

It will produce, in a suitable soil and climate, from three to five crops each year, each crop equal to the best gathered from hemp, and the product of one acre of ramie will yield, at present prices, six times the profit of the same acre cultivated in cotton.

In a warm climate the plant is perennial, and the crops from it are taken like those of cane, by cutting it at the ground.

From the ratoon a new growth springs up at once, giving three, four, even five fine cuttings per annum in Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama.

It prefers a rich, sandy soil, but its growth is so vigorous it will flourish in any rich soil.

It yields from 600 to 800 pounds of fibre to the acre, said to be worth sixty cents per pound in England. It is stated that leading houses in Manchester and New York have engaged all that can be produced in the south, and offer to furnish the capital necessary to cultivate it.

From all that is related of this wonderful plant, it would seem that it is exposed to no special danger in a suitable climate, has no enemies, requires but little labor, needs but a small capital to produce a crop, propagates rapidly, yields largely, commands a ready market at a high price for all that can be produced, and the market is never likely to be overstocked, as the area for its successful growth is limited to a belt along the Gulf coast, and to the southern counties of California, and perhaps the valley of the Gila. The moist, rich soil and the warm climate, free from heavy frosts, of the Tulare valley ought to produce it in perfection.

CANAL CUTTING MACHINE.

An invention to Aid the People in Cutting Irrigating Canals Without the Help of Monopolies.

Rasmus Johnson is the name of an adopted citizen of California, who for a number of years has been endeavoring to devise a machine for cutting canals, which might enable the settlers in any locality requiring irrigation, to dig their own water ditches, without the intervention of a big company. He has at 306 California street, the model of a machine on which he expects to procure a patent, having already secured a caveat. It is his opinion that it will cut a canal thirty feet wide and six feet deep, at the rate of from one to three feet per minute. It is an indescribable affair. The model cost about \$250. The first machine of the size required would cost \$4,000 or \$5,000. Two machines worked side by side, so constructed as to throw the dirt on each side of the excavation, would cut a canal sixty feet in width, and build at the same time embankments with the dirt excavated. The machine is to consist of the frame work of a wheel thirty feet in length, and about twenty feet in diameter, on the surface of which is to be placed a series of cutters, knives, or teeth, drawn spirally around the wheel. There are also buckets on the wheel to scoop up the loosened earth, and by the revolving of the wheel the buckets carry the dirt to an elevator into which it is emptied. By the elevator it is carried to any desired distance at the side of the canal, the dumping place being shortened or lengthened as the state of the embankment might require. As to the merits of this machine, the writer does not assume to judge. Mr. Johnson, like all inventors, is sanguine, and he intends next week to take his model to Stockton, and see if he cannot induce the people of the San Joaquin Valley to aid him in the construction of a machine. The machine is to be a Norwegian by birth, a Californian by adoption, having lived here nearly twenty years. He claims that his machine will obviate the necessity of giving land and money subsidies to irrigation companies, and that it will prove a great boon to the people, all of which it is to be hoped will be realized. [Alta.]

Water Rights.

The following resolution has been offered in the Legislature by Senator Lindsey:

WHEREAS, It is desirable that the people of the State of California shall have the right and power to use and control the waters now flowing in streams which are not navigable upon the unappropriated public lands within this State, for agricultural, mining and manufacturing purposes; and whereas, application has been made to the Congress of the United States by a private corporation for a franchise to use and control the waters aforesaid; therefore be it

Resolved, By the Senate, the Assembly concurring, That our Senators in Congress be instructed and our Representatives requested to use their influence to induce the Congress of the United States to enact a law which shall grant the right to use and control all the waters that are not navigable within the State for agricultural, mining and manufacturing purposes, and to use their influence to prevent the passage of all laws which are intended to grant water rights in this State to private corporations or individuals.

Resolved, That the Governor be and is hereby requested to cause a copy of the foregoing preamble and resolution to be transmitted to the Senators and Representatives at Washington without delay.

PACIFIC COAST ITEMS.

J. H. Pond contemplates starting a hotel at Santa Barbara.

The Ventura was unable to land at Santa Barbara on Tuesday last on account of heavy winds.

Mr. Charles, of the upper Ojai, has this season made 6,000 pounds of cheese. There are a few now at Einstein & Behlman's, which are certainly as fine a lot as were ever brought into any market.

The steamer Senator is taking grain at the Hansen wharf for San Diego. [Signal.]

Evermore Downey, who is now on his way from Los Angeles to Sacramento, as an aspirant for the Democratic nomination, is probably as strong a man as his party can nominate. [Chronicle.]

Colonel A. Steinhilber, the secret agent of the Government, who has just returned from the Navigator Islands, brings with him a collection of birds for Miss Nellie Grant, the daughter of the President. There are four doves, three sacred birds, and a choice assortment of the doves that Billy Emerson used to talk about.

Forbes, formerly of Virginia City, has started a paper at Battle Mountain, Nevada, which he calls *Measure for Measure*.

Judge McKee has decided that there is no such officer in Alameda county as Road Commissioner.

There was twenty-two deaths in Oakland during the month of November.

It is rumored that some editor in Oakland has received a Federal appointment.

It is rather curious and amusing to see, just at present, with what zeal some straight Republican papers are urging the Democratic members of the Legislature to "stand firm, maintain their party organization, be true to themselves and the proud memories of the glorious old Democracy," and all that sort of bosh.

THE AUSTERITY OF THE EARLY NEW ENGLANDERS.

The two hundredth anniversary of the incorporation of Dunstable, an ancient New England town covering territory now occupied by several towns in Massachusetts and New Hampshire, was celebrated the other day. The speaker illustrated old time manners as follows:

The fundamental principle of the equality of all men before God was rigorously observed. All titles were forbidden Mr. Weld. Even plain laymen. The "simple prefix of Rev." was considered an innovation of vanity. The austerity of our fathers was carried into minor matters. Darning of stockings was forbidden. William Walker, one of the colonists, was imprisoned a month for courting a maid without the consent of her parents. Longhair ornaments, and "superstitious ribbons," to tie up and decorate the hair, were strongly prohibited. All ornament was "what show, and beauty of Delilah." Christmas was Polish day, and not to be observed. To turn the back upon the public worship before it was finished and the blessing pronounced was "profane-ness," and was prohibited by law.

A "stage" was erected near the meeting house for the forbidding of all offenders against the Sabbath. One Sunday, John Atherton, a soldier in Col. Tyng's company, most scandalously profaned the day by wetting a piece of an old hat to put into his shoes, which chafed his feet on the march. He was fined twenty shillings for his wanton wickedness. Three months' intentional absence from the church brought the offender to the public whipping-post. Even in Harvard College students were whipped in the presence of professors and fellow-students for grave offenses committed in the chapel. The order of excommunication of the infidel of the penalty was first, prayer; second, the whipping; third, a closing prayer. No Sabbath-bell "knelled them to church." The plain, unsteeped, barn-like meeting-house never resounded to an organ, or to a piano, or to any kind of music. A window of the humble edifice, neither large nor numerous, were lighted by a pane of glass for fifteen years. Neatness and propriety reigned without and within. A widow kept the meeting-house clean, and took care that no man should be forbidden to tie their horses to the meeting-house ladder. The tithing man kept his eye on the boys in the broad aisle and the "third seats" that they might be "watched over according to law." Loose stones were cleared away outside the house. A new horse-block was set up. All persons were forbidden to tie their horses to the meeting-house ladder. No "faithful dog could bear his master company" within the sacred precincts, and every dog was sore afraid of Samuel Gould, who was "chosen dog-whipper for the meeting-house."

Prisoner (to learned magistrate)—"Has any one a right to commit a nuisance?" Learned magistrate—"No sir, not even the Mayor—no, sir, not even the Governor." Prisoner—"Then you can't commit for, I was arrested as a nuisance, and you've decided that I am one."

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We wish to tender our sincere thanks to the public of Los Angeles and Southern California for the flattering success which we have met, far beyond our most sanguine expectations; and we hope by energetic enterprise, a thorough knowledge of and close attention to our business—with a sufficient capital ready to increase as the demands may require—to merit, not only the present patronage, but a large increase in the future.

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Of Special Interest to Farmers.

At the Esperanza Store, No. 108 Main street, will be found the largest and choicest stock of Merchandise, Groceries, Liquors, Cigars, etc., in Southern California. It is well known that at this store you can buy all goods in their line at from five to ten per cent. cheaper than at any other store in Los Angeles; also that the highest price is paid for all kinds of country produce. All goods delivered to any part of the city free of charge.

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